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REMARKS:

By this Amendment, claims 1-9 currently pending in the application have been amended, and new claims 10-20 have been added, to remove multiple dependency and to more clearly define the invention under U.S. rules. Claim 4 has been converted into an independent device claim. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305.

The Examiner is encouraged to call the attorneys for Applicant(s) at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any questions that arise in connection with this application.

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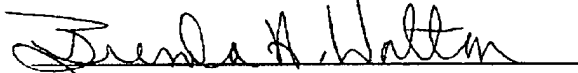
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